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Tuesday, December 19, 2000

Anadime displays landfill proposal

Anadime Processing and Disposal Inc. displayed their plans for a produced sand repository to residents of Ferguson Flats and surrounding areas last week at an open house in the Ferguson Flats Hall.

The proposed facility would be large enough to accommodate 20,000 to 30,000 cubic meters of produced sand per day for three to five years, and would be constructed and operated under strict environmental guidelines.

The site they are seeking must be a minimum of 450 meters from existing homes and 30 meters from municipal roads, have in its geological makeup a minimum of 10 vertical meters of clay, be located at least 30 meters above drinking water sources and at least 300 meters from any lake, river or stream, and be at least 100 meters from any steep slope.

A general land suitability assessment of the region has been completed, and the project is now at the stage of public consultation, such as the open house, and seeking possible sites. A detailed site investigation will take place in January, with conceptual engineering design and further public consultation slated for February.

Regulatory approval will be sought in March and April, with design, tendering and con-

struction planned to start in April with completion in July.

Paul Evans, vice president of EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd., said they are looking in the general area for suitable property. "We've got to have a willing seller," he noted, adding that because of interest in the project, "we have had a couple of people call."

Drawings of the design for the repository show the natural 10 meters of clay covered by more compacted clay on which is laid a three-layer leak detection liner, two of the layers felt-like material which keeps silt from clogging the centre mesh layer where any leakage would accumulate before being channeled to test wells at the outside of the repository. Over that goes a geosynthetic liner of 16 mil high density polythene. Seams between strips of the 23-foot-wide material are welded, and "every single seam is pressure tested. We take as many measures as we can to make sure it doesn't leak," an Anadime spokesman said, pointing out the test channel in the weld seaming together two lengths of the sturdy polythene.

Environmental concerns being addressed at the open house included truck traffic, which may increase on specific local roads, groundwater, which would be protect-

ed and tested twice yearly, surface water, which would be collected and redirected through berms surrounding

the repository, and noise, dust and odor, which would be kept to a minimum.



SHEPHERDS LARGE AND SMALL - were part of the Nativity play at the Inter-Denominational Christmas Cantata held Saturday Night at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Elk Point.

■ Under new management

Great West purchases St. Paul Journal, Elk Point Review

Community news tradition continues

New ownership has arrived at the St. Paul Journal and Elk Point Review. Great West Newspapers Ltd. of St. Albert will close a deal December 31st to acquire the assets of Team Graphics, Inc. the previous owner.

Great West Newspaper Group Ltd. owns 16 newspaper titles including the St. Albert Gazette, Barrhead Leader, Westlock News, Athabasca Advocate and Lac La Biche Post, all located north of

Edmonton. The Journal's rural readership also will be familiar with the Wheel & Deal, a 75,000 circulation publication received in all Alberta farm homes.

St. Albert also is headquarters to Gazette Press Ltd. printing division, an around-the-clock operation which provides printing services to the Journal and Review.

Great West President Duff Jamison and VP Paul Rockley met with staff at the Journal

Thursday and Friday. They emphasized that their group is committed to providing St. Paul, Elk Point and area with top quality community newspapers.

"We believe that it all starts with the reader," said Rockley. "Pay attention to good quality news and community coverage and the rest all follows."

The two intend to spend "a good deal" of time in the community over the next several weeks, said Jamison.

They hope to meet as many people as possible and are planning an open house for the new year. A new publisher will be announced at that time.

"We feel that the true owners of a weekly newspaper are the local readers and advertisers. In a sense all we do is provide some stewardship and guidance. To do that properly we need lots of interaction. In the end we are like a mirror reflecting our community."

The purchase brings

to an end more than 50 years of Drouin family involvement with the Journal. It began just after the Second World War when L.H. Drouin first walked in the door to start work. L.H. bought the business in 1954 and was both editor and publisher for many years before selling to his son Darrell who in turn sold to his brother Guy.

Great West is a joint venture company owned by Jamison Newspapers, Inc. and Southam, Inc.

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Important Information for all Canadians about responsible firearm ownership

An update on licensing

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The law requires that firearm owners be licensed by January 1, 2001.

1.7 million Canadians have already complied with the licensing requirements of the *Firearms Act*.

And recently, Canadians have sent in their firearms licence applications in record numbers. To meet this overwhelming demand, temporary licences are now being issued to eligible firearm owners.

Public safety remains the cornerstone of the firearms program.

For example, temporary licences are only being issued to those who are successfully screened against Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) databases. And, like current licence holders, those with temporary firearms licences will be continuously screened against police databases.

Firearms licences will be issued only to those found eligible after further screening.

These public safety checks conform to the *Firearms Act* and keep firearms away from those who should not have them.

Temporary licences will be issued to eligible firearm owners who applied in the fall. Temporary licence holders are not permitted to acquire firearms. However, they will be in legal possession of their firearms and they will be able to purchase ammunition as of January 1, 2001. Temporary licences are only valid until June 30, 2001 or until those eligible receive their 5-year licence.

For more information, assistance or forms, call 1 800 731-4000 or visit our Web site at www.cfc.gc.ca

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Council holds off on garbage fee hike

Elk Point Town Council held their final meeting of 2000 last week with deputy mayor Bill Schuhmacher making fast work of the year-end agenda.

A garbage collection fee hike which would offset increased costs for hauling and dumping garbage and wages for the transfer station operator was tabled until the new year by Town Council, who want to look further into what other communities charge for their service. The proposed hike from \$9 to \$14 per month was to have taken effect on December 1.

Council approved an AUMA resolution on Enmax Energy Corporation, who will supply electricity to Town-owned properties after deregulation. The Town has discovered that it is possible to add bona fide organizations to the system, and will contact groups operating facilities in this regard.

Railway right-of-ways and easements are now back in the hands of CNR. Because the Town has water and sewer line easements crossing the property as well as the area they have leased for truck parking, they will be looking into the status of these agreements and the possibility of purchasing them from CN.

RCMP Sergeant Lyle Marianchuk visited Council to present the latest crime and traffic statistics, which show that assaults of all types in Elk Point have decreased by 10 percent, provincial statutes have decreased by 40 percent, frauds are down 63 percent and drug charges by 100 percent. Sgt. Marianchuk said that it is "not to say this is a clean town," but rather that the RCMP is not getting the information they would need to enforce drug charges.

Traffic statistics are not as encouraging. Collisions are up 39 percent with one fatal motor vehicle accident, one injury accident and 23 property damage collisions, and provincial traffic charges have doubled. However, Sgt. Marianchuk says there is "nothing I see that concerns me a lot, except seatbelts." A compliance check showed only 66 percent use, lower than provincial 69 percent.

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from the FCSS DESK

Christmas is a-comin' soon!

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Next Monday, December 25 is Christmas Day! How are you all doing? Are you ready? ... Yes, Christmas is a magical busy time of the year. Cold hearts are warmed by small acts of kindness. Eyes of young and old grow bright, anticipating traditions which are repeated Christmas after Christmas. ... Speaking of traditions, have you ever wondered why bells, Christmas trees, Christmas lights, Christmas candles, poinsettias, Santa Claus, gift giving, shepherds, carols, angels and stars all have become included in our Christmas traditions? From the book, "What About Christmas?" by Dora D. Flack, I will quote some of the reasons we have included some of these items in our Christmas celebrations.

The Christmas tree... Martin Luther is generally given credit

for the first lighted Christmas tree indoors. He was born in 1483 in Germany. Luther loved the story of the Nativity. One Christmas Eve he wandered out into the cold and snow to meditate on the wonder of the birth of the Saviour.



On this Christmas Eve, Luther, bundled in his warmest clothes, walked the countryside, gazing into the clear, star-studded sky. The stars appeared to be jewels overhead. He looked at the white-covered evergreens, weighted down with the snow, which

seemed to be covered with jewels also. He cut a small fir tree and took it home. Then he set it up in his house and fastened lighted candles to the branches, reminding him of the lights in the sky.

Christmas candles come from the ancient Hebrew festival known as Chanukah or the Feast of Lights. It happens to fall at the Christmas season and observes the re-dedication of the Temple. But the light of a candle reminds Christians of the words of the Saviour: I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

... In frigid Sweden, Lucia, the queen of the Festival of Lights, carries a bouquet of brilliant poinsettias, and poinsettias are used for her decorations. Mexicans call it the Holy Night Flower and Christmas Flower because it reaches its brightest red color only at Christmas.

In Holland, December 5 is St. Nicholas Eve and December 6 is St.

Nicholas Day. This is a gift-giving day and a day for parties and celebrations. The religious side of the Christmas season is saved for December 25. Christmas Eve and Day are spent in going to church services and for family gatherings around the fireside. Imagine that - two different times to do what we now do at one time. That is a good idea.

But whether it be Santa Claus in America, Sinterklaas in Holland, Joulupukki in Finland, JulTomten in Sweden, Kriss Kringle in Germany, Père Noel in France or Father Christmas in England, one word symbolizes them all: GENEROSITY. And

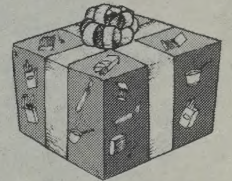
that, after all, is the spirit which makes Christmas... Have a Happy, Merry

Christmas everyone, with peace and joy celebrating with your own special traditions.

Holiday Hazards: Wrap Them Up!

The number of home fires increases by 30% during the holiday season as compared with the rest of the year. Make sure you and your family do not become victims by keeping fire hazards under wrap!

1. Keep CANDLES away from combustible material.
2. When COOKING, do not leave the stove unattended.
3. Avoid SMOKING if you are not fully awake or alert.
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For more information, call your local fire department or the Fire Commissioner's Office at (780) 427-8392.

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A Letter About Natural Gas Prices

To All Customers of AltaGas Utilities:

The market price for natural gas is the highest it has ever been. This winter we expect to pay an average price of about \$9 to buy a gigajoule of gas on your behalf, compared with about \$3 last winter. We must purchase all of the gas we deliver to you on the open market, so we must pay the market price. As a result, your gas bills will be much higher this winter than they have been during any previous winter.

AltaGas Utilities does not produce the gas we deliver to our customers and we do not profit from these high prices. In fact, we know that high prices lead to dissatisfied customers and, as your gas utility, we are the first to feel that dissatisfaction. Our hope is that natural gas market prices will return to moderate levels, to keep good relations with our customers and to ensure a strong market for our services in the future.

We understand the impact that high natural gas prices have on our customers, whether they are managing businesses or homes. Our greatest concern is for those on limited incomes, who must make critical choices in how they will spend the modest amounts available to them. We commit to working with all of our customers through this period of high prices to ensure that gas keeps flowing to them.

The best defense that most consumers have against rising energy costs is to use energy wisely. If you would like any advice on how you can reduce your natural gas usage this winter, please call us. We will help as much as we can.

Sincerely,
AltaGas Utilities Inc.
Lorne Heikkinen, President

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Season's Greetings

Your Co-op Board of Directors, Management and Staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.



Christmas Hours

at the Elk Point Co-op

In order for our staff to share this special time of year with their families, the following will be our Christmas hours.

Mon., Dec. 18 to Fri., Dec. 22 - 9 am to 9 pm

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 10 am to 5:00 pm

CLOSED: Mon., Dec. 25, Tues., Dec. 26,

Sun., Dec. 31 & Monday, Jan. 1

ELK POINT CO-OP

■ Our Christmases Past

The Great Depression memories: the turkey sale

By Steve Andrishak
Our Past

I remember an incident that happened in 1934 which I feel is worth relating. At that time, the Great Economic Depression was upon us and holding down a job or finding additional funds was hard to come by. Many farm laborers at that time were earning 50 cents a day working long hours, generally with their three meals provided. This story is about a friend of mine who worked over 12 hours for 50 cents, but did not have his meals thrown in - he brought his own sandwiches. This all happened in December 1934, a time when produce companies from Edmonton sent out turkey and poultry buyers to surrounding towns to buy up dressed turkeys for the Christmas season.

In 1934 my father, William Andrishak, operated a general store where Stedmans is now located. A produce buyer named Isaac Stern made arrangements with my father to buy turkeys, geese and chickens in the basement of the store. This basement had a side window allowing the produce buyer to accept turkeys, etc. without disrupting the usual store business.

This same buyer had made similar buying trips during other years. He was a shrewd buyer, one not known for his generosity. After he set up shop he went

about hiring one person to help him in his buying operations. His helper did all the hard work, such as moving the produce to another location after it was weighed. His helper's name was "Willie," a school friend. He accepted the job not knowing how much he was to be paid. That day, Willie must have handled at least six tons of produce.

When they finished buying, about 7:00 p.m., Willie's next job was to load all the produce onto a waiting truck parked nearby. This truck transported the produce to the buyer's plant in Edmonton. After Isaac settled with my father, he walked over to where Willie was standing and gave him 50 cents for his long day's work. Willie accepted it even though it amounted to about four cents an hour. He didn't say anything; however, you could see that he wasn't happy about it. He decided that somehow he was going to get even with Isaac.

After a short visit with my father, Isaac was about to leave for Edmonton with his load of produce. In the meantime, while Isaac was talking with my father, Willie found a hiding place under the branches of a bushy poplar tree which was standing nearby. When Isaac took off, so did Willie. He was able to climb into the back of the truck which only had a canvas covering. In those days, most people were honest and things didn't have to be locked up.

In 1934 the main highway to St. Paul passed by our municipal hospital, as well as through Armistice.

Being dark and with the truck heavily loaded, it traveled with a slow speed. Willie waited until the truck passed the hospital and then he started heaving turkeys out of the truck and into the ditch. After he threw about a dozen turkeys in the ditch, he jumped out and started gathering them up.

The next day he had a "turkey sale" in town. Your pick of any turkey for only 50 cents. No one asked any questions as to where Willie got his turkeys; after all, everybody was honest in those days.

Willie ended up with about six additional dollars and with the 50 cents he was paid by Isaac his wages climbed to \$6.50 for the day. This wasn't bad compared to what other people were making during the depression years.

Nothing further was ever said about this incident. Isaac may have wondered where his shortage occurred, but he wasn't going to get any information from Willie.

The following December, Isaac was back buying turkeys at my father's store, but for some unknown reason, Willie didn't apply for a job. Whether he had a guilt complex or he decided he wouldn't work for starvation wages again, we'll never know.

■ Christmas Long Ago

Christmas at Ashburnam, Furnace

By Irene Magnusson

As told to her by her mother, many
years ago

The first Christmas I really remember was just before my seventh birthday. Brother Jack, who was wise and old - almost nine - rose silently in the pre-dawn, tiptoeing past the wooden bed where our sister Annie and I slept, giving the blankets a small tug, not to waken us if we slept, but to include us in the conspiracy if we were awake. I shook the five year old Annie, 'sh - shing' her as I too slipped out onto the braided rug.

The brick floor of our cottage made no squeaks - but it could be mighty cold on the bare feet! The thatched-roofed cottage where we lived that long ago time was called Furnace, so named because it had once been a

foundry, remodeled long since to house a family, its dark brick walls shrouded in ivy, the small windows fitted with tiny panes of glass leaded together in a diamond pattern. Yellow roses bloomed, even at Christmas, beside the oaken door.

There in the early gloom this Christmas morning, our brother stirred the low burned coals in the ashes of the fireplace, adding bits of kindling and split logs of wood, gently blowing the embers till a flame appeared. The flicker soon grew, then we could see in its corner nearby the dear little tree, with its paper chains, garlands and tinsel, the silvery star bright at the top.

Santa had come! Our stockings bulged enticingly from their clothespegs along the mantle. We knew it was

permissible to explore their contents - and that it was not permissible to remove, jiggle or pinch the parcels tucked among the branches of the tree, or on the floor beneath.

Soon we were munching our fudge squares, and enjoying the small gift lovingly placed there to pleasure our early hours. I have no recollection whatever of what I found in my stocking that Christmas morn. I do know I loved it!

Before long, Mother and Father were up, the oil lamp lit, its soft glow touching our excited faces, a fire crackling in the cast iron range, Mother somehow making porridge and tea, settling baby Bertie in his high chair, putting out bowls and cups, and at the same time seeming to give each of us

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THE CUTEST REINDEER IN TOWN showed up at several craft shows in Elk Point this year, coming not from the North Pole but from Derwent for the events.

Just five more sleeps!

Only a few days remain before the jolly man in the bright red suit parks his reindeer on our roofs, and everyone is up to their eyebrows in getting ready for the big celebration of Christmas.

Here at the Review, we're trying to fit in our last few personal preparations in between attending concerts and meetings and pre-Christmas events, and we know just how hectic things can be this time of year -- stressful, but fun as well.

We hope that you will find time to enjoy all the things you really want to do this Christmas season, and that all your celebrations will be safe and happy, surrounded by the family and friends you care about the most.

Have yourselves a Merry little Christmas, everyone!



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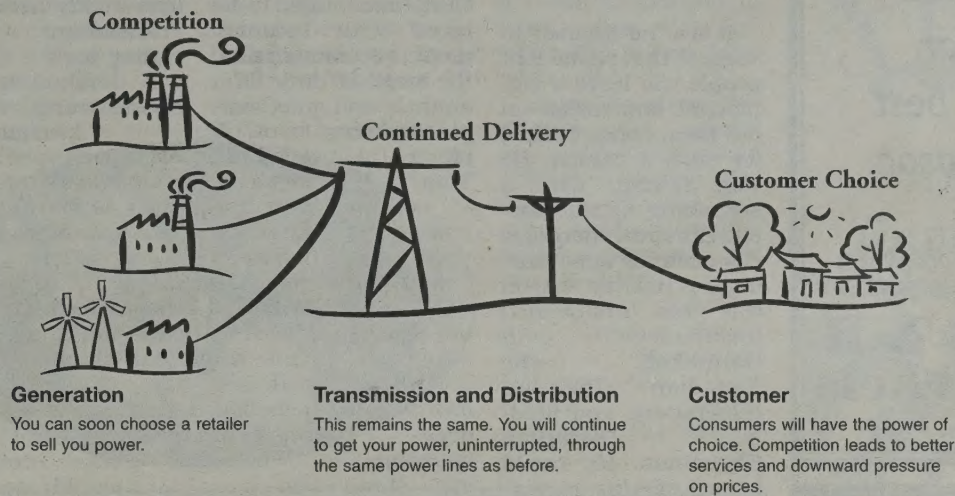
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Why deregulation?

- The old, regulated electricity system was simply too slow, inefficient and costly. Deregulation makes it possible to keep up with our rate of growth and rapid increase in demand for power.
- Deregulation will result in:
 - ✓ downward pressure on prices;
 - ✓ more customer choice;
 - ✓ more competition;
 - ✓ greater innovation and efficiency; and,
 - ✓ new generation coming on board faster, including Green Power.

When will I be able to choose?

- Retailers will be contacting you to offer their electricity services that can start as early as January 1, 2001. But there's no rush to decide.
- Residential and farm consumers have up to 5 years to look over competing offers to see how they might be able to save money. In the meantime, electricity services will continue to be provided by your present supplier at a regulated rate.
- You can choose now or later. Nothing changes until you decide on a retailer.

What about reliability of supply?

- Although the supply and demand balance is tight this winter, it is manageable.
- Alberta's deregulated market is helping to encourage additional new generation, allowing anyone to build new generation capacity, not just the big utility companies.
- Generation capacity has grown 15 % in the last three years. 1400 MW in new generation (enough to light up 1.4 million homes) was developed between 1998 and 2000, with another 1600 MW coming on-line over the next few years.

Why are energy prices going up?

- One of the effects of Alberta's unprecedented period of growth has been record demand for electricity – a demand our slow, inefficient regulated power system would have been unable to meet.
- Increasing demand for power, generator maintenance shutdowns, rising prices for natural gas and the costs of importing power from B.C. and Saskatchewan in peak periods all add to the cost of electricity.
- More and more of Alberta's power is being generated by clean-burning natural gas.

Alberta Power Generation		
POWER	1997	2000
Coal	66%	56%
Natural Gas	23%	35%
Hydro	9%	8%
Other	2%	1%

How is the government helping to offset these high costs?

- Government has acted to prevent any electricity rate rider charges for 2001.
- Government will ensure that the regulated rate option offered to consumers in 2001 is just and reasonable.
- All tax filing Albertans will receive the first of two \$150 cheques from Alberta's Energy Tax Refund program by early December. The second \$150 refund cheque will arrive in April 2001. The refund should help relieve the pressure of higher-than-normal home heating costs, high prices at the gas pumps and other energy expenses.
- Residential electricity consumers will receive a \$20 per month Electricity Auction Rebate in 2001.
- Non-residential consumers will receive an Electricity Auction Rebate over a twelve-month period starting in 2001 based on their monthly consumption of electricity.
- The rules of the Alberta Power Pool have been changed to prevent imported power from setting prices in Alberta.
- Alberta consumers can look forward to downward pressure on prices once the full benefits of deregulation kick-in.

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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

We're wishing our friends from far and wide all the best of the season.



Management & Staff
B & R Eckels



Greetings, Friends!

With old-fashioned warmth and lots of good cheer, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From the Board & Staff of

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Public meetings for intensive livestock operations issues

You are invited to share your views, concerns and ideas on the development and operation of Alberta's livestock industry; specifically on the issues of provincial and municipal roles, approval processes, and on-going monitoring and enforcement.

The Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee will consult with Albertans on this important matter through written submissions to the committee and public meetings in the new year.

Public meetings will be held at six locations across the province. You are invited to make a formal presentation. Presentations will be heard at a confirmed time and date. Meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the following locations:

- **January 22, 2001** Lethbridge Lodge Hotel, 320 Scenic Drive South
- **January 24, 2001** Airdrie Town & Country Centre, 275 Jensen Drive
- **January 26, 2001** Red Deer Black Knight Inn, 2929 - 50 Avenue
- **January 29, 2001** Vermilion Lakeland College, 5707 - 47 Avenue West
- **January 31, 2001** Barrhead Neighbourhood Inn, Hwy 33 & 61 Avenue
- **February 2, 2001** Grande Prairie Travelodge Trumpeter Motor Inn, 12102 - 100 Street

To schedule a presentation to the committee, please call Louise Starling at (403) 340-5306. (Toll-free access is available by first dialing 310-0000)

Written submissions will also be accepted. They can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the Committee Chairman:

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The deadline for written submissions is January 15, 2001.



A never-ending party

By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

It is a "no-brainer" to suggest that significant people will leave a significant impression on our lives. I once worked for such a person. He was Jewish, with a sprinkling of an eastern European heritage. His claim to fame during the Holiday Season was his unabashed involvement in Hanukkah, the Canadian Christian celebrations and finally, Ukrainian Christmas. He could boast of this never-ending party.

Never-ending parties get my good Christian dander up. It feels unholy - profane. It

seems to me that a good Christian Christmas ought to be laced with inconvenient accommodation, the smell of dirty farm animals and quiet simple worship. (Not!!) This

LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY!" Sounds irreverently hedonistic. Translation: Never-ending party.

A foreboding telephone rang in the kitchen. The family had



dreadful sobriety stands in contradiction to one of the famous Christian creedal statements: Man's destiny is to "glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Sounds like a never-ending party! Jesus said, "I have come to give life,

gathered. Dad would soon be here. It was to be the birthday party of the ages. He was one-half a century - today! The call changed all that. He was snowed in. "Will be home sometime tomorrow." What about the party? "Go

ahead without me." Conversation lacked spice. Laughter was forced. Cake without song - irrelevant. When we all left with "great party" on our lips, we all felt like hypocrites.

Have you ever had a party for someone not there? Have you ever given a standing ovation to a performer who was absent? Have you ever applauded a sports team that never played? Wouldn't you feel hypocritical? Have you ever attended a multitude of office parties? Watched innumerable school plays? Bought truckloads of gifts? Sung scores of carols? Have you ever...

I'd sure feel silly celebrating the birthday of one of my girls if they weren't MY girls. I'd feel even sillier celebrating the birthday of Christ if He wasn't MY Savior.

Season's greetings from Pastor Jim MacLellan of the Elk Point Baptist Church, encouraging you to invite Christ into your home and your life, this Christmas - "and enjoy Him forever."



CHECKING IT TWICE

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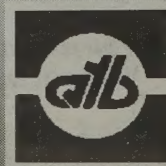
From the Residents and Staff of

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ELK POINT



Merry Christmas from all of us, to all of you, our best wishes, for a festive season.



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community NEWS

■ Nutrition Notes

Eat, drink and be active this holiday season!

By Linda Fox, RD
Elk Point Health Centre

The magic of the Christmas season only comes once a year! A time to enjoy friendly gatherings, warm traditions, special foods and winter activities.

Make active living a part of the Christmas festivities to build memories and help prevent seasonal weight gain. Enjoy tobogganing, ice skating, skiing, snow shoeing or going for walks to look at the Christmas lights. Pack along some hot beverages for nutrition breaks such as home made hot chocolate made with real milk. Not only does it contain the same amount of bone building nutrients as white milk, but also it will warm up your crew from the inside out!

The Christmas season often means alcohol or caffeinated drinks on party menus. These may be high in calories and low in nutrition. Try these alternative beverages

and "drink to your health."

■ Make a spritzer with fruit juice and mineral water on crushed ice.

■ Make a fruit punch and serve with ice cubes made with cranberry juice.

■ Use espresso coffee or dark roast for a maximum coffee taste without maximum caffeine.

■ Combine regular beans with decaffeinated coffee beans to make your own "half-caf" coffee blend.

■ Try a home-style latte. Heat milk and add one packet of

espresso powder or 2 teaspoons instant coffee crystals. It's a great café treat from your own kitchen with bone-building calcium, magnesium, vitamins A and D.

■ Serve herbal tea or hot chocolate as an option to regular tea or coffee.

■ Stir brown sugar and maple flavoring into hot milk.

■ Serve eggnog with nutmeg on top for flavor rather than mix with alcohol. If you find eggnog rich, dilute with a little milk.

■ Serve milk or cream

with coffee rather than powdered non-dairy whitener. This will add a touch of calcium to your coffee that you won't find in non-dairy whiteners.

Enjoy the warm traditions and special foods of the season and include some active living in your plans. Eat, drink and be active this holiday season... for your health!

For more information, contact Linda Fox, Registered Dietitian, Elk Point Health Centre. Telephone 724-3847.



**Catch
The Spirit!**

Have a
Merry Christmas &
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Mayor, Council & Staff
Town of Elk Point

Yuletide Greetings



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Manager Danelle Brown & Staff



community NEWS

The absent Guest of Honor: do we know who He is?

By Pastor Jerry Richards
Elk Point Christian Community Church

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!

*Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do;*

*If you haven't got a ha'penny...
God bless you!*

The message of this nursery rhyme is simple. Christmas is all about charity! Yet is this really what Christmas is all about? If it were the true meaning of Christmas, then many households would be celebrating the season as intended at the beginning of this age.

Imagine that you are

invited to a birthday party. As you arrive, there are hundreds of people, lots of food, too much drink, much noise and many bright lights. As you bring your gift into the house, you look around for the correct place to put it, and you find a massive pile of gifts. It troubles you because, although you have been invited to this celebration, you do not know the name of the guest of honor. In fact, you are only here because your family has always celebrated this birthday.

You begin to ask around to find out the name of the guest of honor. It seems no-one knows, and perhaps more confusing is the fact that no-one particularly cares. Eventually you give up, knowing that the guest of honor will turn up, if only to receive his gifts.

The evening wears on. People become tired and cranky, some turn on each other, raking up old offenses, squabbling like old hens in a henhouse. Some say hurtful things to each other, seeming to delight in the power they feel when they see the effect of their words. Some, perhaps a little like yourself, may be looking for some clue as to the reason for this party. Yet others just sit quietly in the corner, drinking themselves into oblivion - just like any other party, or perhaps, sadly, for some, like any other night of the year.

Someone announces that it is time for the gift opening. "At last," you think to yourself, "I will actually see the guest of honor." To your amazement, people begin passing the gifts to each other. Merrily they tear off the wrapping paper, excited to discover what each brightly wrapped package contains. You hear many oohs and aahs as people receive these gifts, but still no guest of honor.

The end of the evening arrives, and the guests all begin to leave. You conclude

that there was no real reason for this celebration, except that the people wanted to observe a custom for which there appears to be no rhyme nor reason. As you leave the party, gift tucked under your arm (something you have always wanted!) someone calls to you, "See you next year!" A great party, a wonderful celebration, but no guest of honor. How bizarre!

In many homes this year there will be birthday celebrations just like the one I have described in this short message. I suppose the question begged here is simple: Is Christmas about something - human charity, as suggested by the nursery rhyme, "Christmas is Coming," or is it about someone as suggested by the carol "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"? Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and Life to all He brings. Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild, He lays His glory by, Born that Man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth,

*Born to give them second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King!*

If Christmas is simply and only about human charity, then switch off those Christmas lights and take down that tree. For, if all we can muster in one year is one occasion for giving thought and action to the plight of human suffering, then there is no reason to celebrate. This would, in fact, be a reason to mourn, to be broken and weeping for our year-round indifference to the desperately awful circumstances of others!

But if the carol holds true for us, and JESUS IS THE REASON, then light up that evergreen tree that signifies new life, and wrap those gifts that signify sacrifice, and gather as families to celebrate unity - not to fight and squabble, but to honor the King of kings and Lord of lords - Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem!

If you don't know Jesus, then acquaint yourself with Him this Christmas. He is the Light that will light up every heart that will receive Him. I am Jerry Richards, Pastor of the Christian Community Church of Elk Point, wishing you a truly amazing Christmas celebration 2000.

Seasonings Greetings

Merry Christmas from Jean, Lynall, Chris and the Staff.

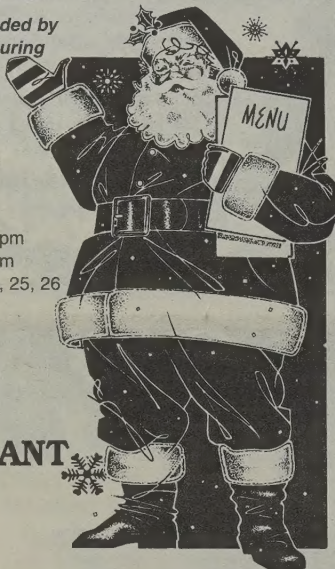
May you be surrounded by family and friends during the holidays and may 2001 be a year of happiness and prosperity.

Christmas Hours:

Dec. 23 - 8 am to 11 pm
Dec. 31 - 8 am to 3 pm
Closed December 24, 25, 26 & January 1
Open January 2

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Merry Christmas

Hope your holiday is a glowing success, filled with bright times and warm friendships.

All the best in 2001!

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Joy!

Here's hoping your season is filled with fun and tradition. Thank you all for making our year such a good one.

Management & Staff



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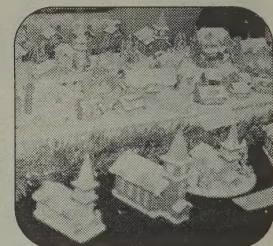
May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and those you love.

Thanks for your faith in us.

Management & Staff



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Elk Point,
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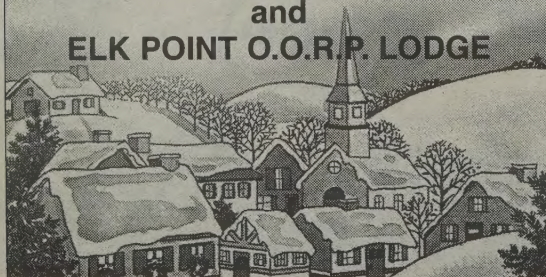
Churches are a focal part of this tiny town at Heinsburg's craft show.

Happy Holidays

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas ... each and every day of the year.

"Happy New Year!"

ELK POINT B.P.O. ELKS LODGE
and
ELK POINT O.O.R.P. LODGE



A Christmas Wish For You

We're hoping that your season brings
Lots of glad tidings and beautiful things;
The warmth of family,
The blessing of friends,
Plus peace and joy
That never ends.

May all your hopes and dreams come true,
That's our Christmas wish for you!

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community NEWS

From Parliament Hill

Alliance demands immediate assistance for farmers

OTTAWA - Leon Benoit, Member of Parliament for Lakeland, is a member of the Canadian Alliance Agriculture Caucus which met last week to discuss the ongoing farm crisis.

All Members of Parliament who participated in the meeting signed a letter to the

Prime Minister calling for the immediate delivery of emergency assistance for farmers facing disastrously low commodity prices caused by an international subsidy war.

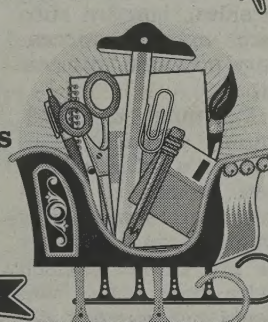
"The Canadian Alliance wants the federal Liberal government to address this crisis immediately," Benoit stated. "We ask

that the Prime Minister take immediate action to get the money he promised off the Cabinet table and put it on farmers' kitchen tables."

Alliance Members of

Parliament attending the Agriculture Caucus agreed that the Liberals have failed to deliver on their promises to farmers and shared their concern that farmers are going

bankrupt waiting for help from Ottawa.



Hope Your Christmas Measures Up!

Hope Santa supplies you with a sleighful of goodies. Thanks for making our year a noteworthy one.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We're going out on a limb to say, "happy holiday and many thanks," to all our customers.

We feel truly blessed to have your loyal support.

Paul, Dana, Elaine B., Elaine K., Gillian, Vic, Larry & Barbara

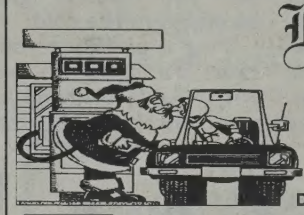
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Enjoy this season to the fullest

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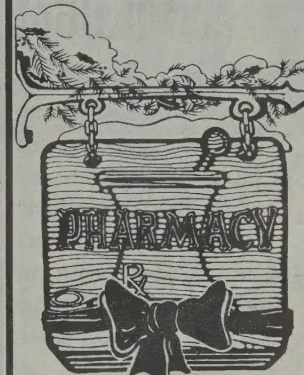
A Holiday Prescription

Take a large dose of good cheer, mix with several friends and family, and have a happy, healthy Christmas! Thank you for choosing us.

Greetings from Management & Staff

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Barry and Marvin and their families recently moved here from B.C. and look forward to meeting and serving the people of St. Paul and Area.

community NEWS

Last chance to get your vehicle ready for winter

WARNING! This is it! Winter is just around the corner, with snow and 30-below temperatures already with us! Don't delay another minute in checking

these few simple things so you don't get stranded in the cold:

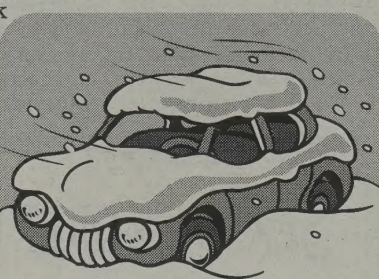
Plug it in: When you hear it's going to be very cold overnight, use your block heater

— plug it in before you go to bed. But make sure it's working first!

B l o c k heater: Check that your block heater, extension cord and electrical outlet are all working, so a short doesn't delay your start. Plug your block heater in and listen for the telltale "hiss," like a kettle boiling. If you can't hear it, take it in to have it checked. Your block heater, or the cord, or the plug, may be broken.

Batteries: Have your battery and the charg-

ing system tested. Automotive batteries more than three years



old may be too weak to make it through 30-below.

Oil: Most of today's engines can use SAE 5W/30 year-round.

Cooling system: Test your antifreeze and be sure it's good to -35°C.

If it has been more than three years since it was checked, have it drained, flushed and refilled.

Belts: If a worn belt snaps in the cold, you'll be out in the cold.

Tires: Be sure to check your tread for wear and your air pressure regularly.

Keys: Carry a spare door/ignition key separate from your regular key chain. That way, you won't be locked out in the cold if you accidentally leave your keys inside a locked vehicle. (AMA recommends you NOT leave your vehicle unattended while running. It's simply too easy for thieves to drive away with your wheels. Besides, lengthy running spews unnecessary pollution into our air.

Planning: On a cold, snowy morning, you know it's going to take you longer to clean your car, scrape your windows, and get ready to go. Leave yourself extra time before you begin your journey.

Patience: When it's cold and the roads are slippery, you'll need more time to get to your destination — leave yourself that extra time to avoid driving foolishly in bad conditions.

Clothing: Dress warmly in case you break down — sneakers and a wind breaker won't be very comfortable — or safe — if your vehicle stalls along the road, or gets a flat tire, or you get into other problems on your trip.

PACK A SURVIVAL KIT

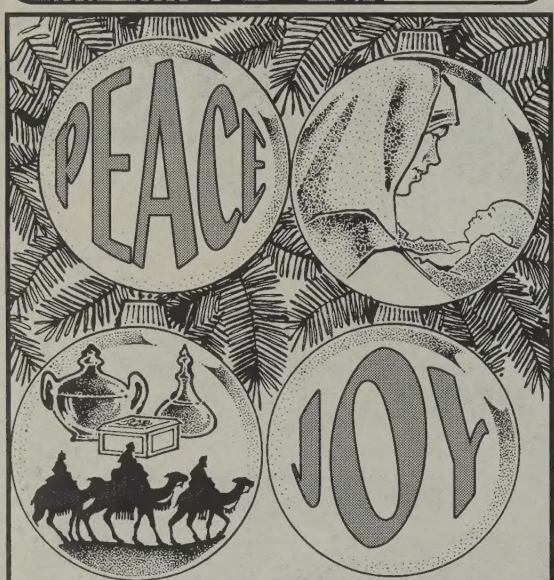
Even the best maintained vehicles sometimes break down. Be prepared by packing your trunk with the following:

- blankets
- booster cables
- emergency food
- extra clothing
- first aid kit
- flares or reflective triangle
- flashlight
- ice scraper
- matches and candle in deep can
- sand or cat litter
- small shovel

Sending Our Best

to all our readers and advertisers. We'd like to deliver our gratitude for your devoted support. May this holiday season bring you gifts of love, peace and contentment and may 2001 bring only good news.

ELK POINT REVIEW
Editor - Vicki Brooker
4809 - 50 Avenue
Elk Point, AB
Phone 724-4087



Blessings of the Season

May the gifts of this holy season become beautiful memories to cherish forever. We're truly grateful for the gift of your friendship.

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"...The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."
— Clement Clarke Moore
A Visit from St. Nicholas

Just in the "nick" of time, our warmest wishes for a bright holiday season.

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Season's Greetings

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Pete, Karen and Staff

community **NEWS**

'Twas the day after Christmas

Another re-hash by Irene Magnusson

Review Contributor

'Twas the day after Christmas
And out at Elk Point
My good man and I were
Sharing snacks from the joint -

I said 'Look at the papers!
The ribbons and junk!' (The stack 'neath the tree
Had appreciably shrunk.)

The house which had rattled
From basement to rafter
Seemed now empty and silent -
No voices, no laughter.

The tree stood lopsided
And sort of forlorn
No one to admire
Its once glittery adorn.

I put my feet up
On the stool by the chair
(It seemed they'd been running
Much more than their share.)

And I sat with my stomach
All stretched out of shape -
With all that good food
I'd really 'gone ape!'

And we spoke of these things
And good Christmas cheer -
Thanking our stars it came
But once a year!

Dad emptied the ashtrays
And put them away
Saying 'It will clear up -
In - maybe - a day.'

And he plugged in the washer -
Filled with glasses and stuff -
Of washing of dishes
I'd had quite enough.

We turned on the TV
To find a nice show -
Found not one Christmas carol.
It's done. They must go.

Just angelic people
Swilling on booze
So we switched it to OFF
And had a short snooze.

And I dreamed of a Christmas
All snowy and white...
And the faces of loved ones
Almost out of sight -

As they called "Goodbye, Mom!
Goodbye dear old Dad!"
And "See you next Christmas!
'Twas the best one we had!"



...and rejoice in all its glory.
From our family to yours - have a beautiful Christmas.

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From Management & Staff

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Friday - Saturday: 10:00 am till 11:00 pm

From George, Jackie & Staff

community NEWS

Elk Point Community Choir salutes the season

"The power, the beauty and the joy of music" are what rookie conductor Udo Mueller says motivates the 58 members of the Elk Point Community Choir to spend many months preparing to salute the Christmas season with their much-enjoyed music. Two excellent crowds took in their home-town concerts last week, savoring the songs of the season as presented by the choir as a whole and in solo and group numbers. The evenings started with the entire choir's a

capella version of "Goin' to Bethlehem," followed by "Holy Infant, Heaven's Light" and "Minuet Noel" with Deanna Easthope at the piano. The self-proclaimed "gorgeous, gallant gentlemen" of the choir concluded the first set with "Gloria, Gloria" to the quite extraordinary music written by Antonio Vivaldi.

Kallie-Jo Coleman was the evening's first soloist, with "Does He Remember?", followed by Kerry Anderson with "The Hand of Sweet Release." The six ladies of 'Harmonious Interlude,' Kerry Anderson, Kim Beardy, Laurie Keichinger,

Cheryl Kurash, Shirley and Sarah Osinchuk, painted a verbal picture of Christmas with "Season of Dreams" and finished their set with a Carol Medley.

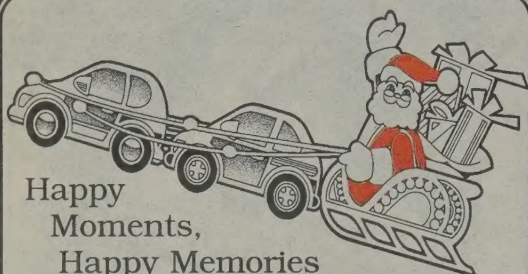
'The Group of Nine,' Kim Beardy, Sarah

Osinchuk, Kelsey Mueller, Udo Mueller, Kerry Anderson, Jope Langejans, Garry Townsend, Don Conrad and retired choir conductor Don Buryn, presented a quirky "Dance of the Sugar Plum

Fairies," full of la-la-las and plums.

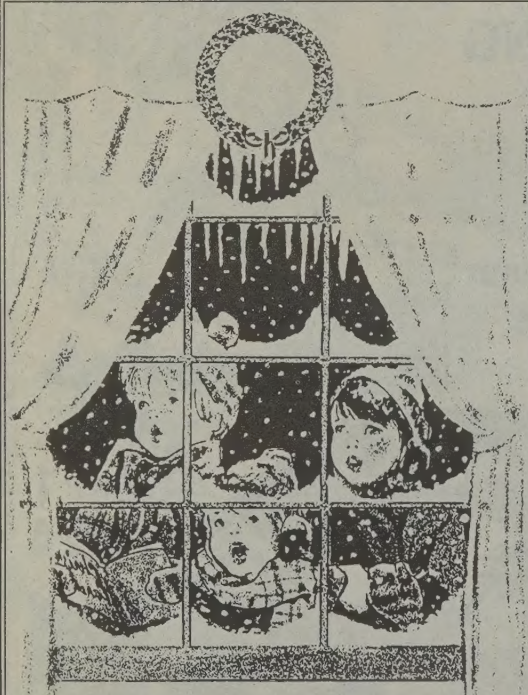
The ladies of the choir raised their voices in "Jamaican Noel," with Kim Beardy and Kelsey Mueller as percussionists, and were

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Happy Moments,
Happy Memories
May every happiness be yours
this holiday season.

Merry Christmas
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PHONE 724-2000 ELK POINT, AB



MERRY CHRISTMAS
JOYEUX NOEL
MIYO MANITOU KISIKAW

*Христового Різдва та
Щасливого Нового Року*

From the Board of Trustees and Staff
**St. Paul Education
Regional Division #1**

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cheers To You!

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Management & Staff

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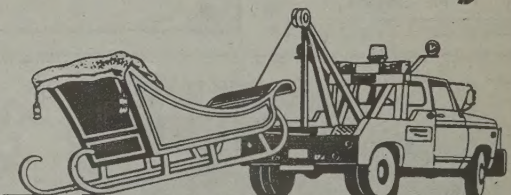


SWEET HARMONY - Vocalists (left to right) Kim Beardy, Cheryl Kurash, Shirley and Sarah Osinchuk, Laurie Keichinger and Kerry Anderson combined their talents to paint a verbal picture of Christmas in "Season of Dreams."



FOUR VOICES STRONG The men's quartet, (l-r) Don Buryn, Garry Townsend, Don Conrad and Udo Mueller accompanied the music of the composer Vivaldi in "Gloria, Gloria."

Season's Greetings



We often meet by accident, but we're always glad to know you're there.

Thanks and Merry Christmas.

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community NEWS



ELK POINT COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CONCERT - with Laurie Keichinger on flute, Kim Beardy on clarinet, rookie conductor Udo Mueller directing, Deanna Easthope at the piano and Erin Mueller as page turner.

Community Choir salutes the season

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joined by the men for the Austrian carol, "Still, Still, Still," a medley of - count them if you can - 23 carols entitled "Christmas in About Three Minutes" and this year's blockbuster movie theme, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," with a solo by Shaun Sheplaw.

Sheplaw was back on stage after a brief intermission with a solo from the unlikely source of country star Steve Earle's "Copperhead Road" album, "Nothing But a Child," Kerry Anderson accompanying and joining in the chorus.

The Men's Quartet, Don Buryn, Don Conrad, Udo Mueller and Garry Townsend, showed their versatility with "Make Myself at Home" and "Christ Is Born."

Joep Langejans offered a powerful solo, "Emmanuel," followed by Kerry Anderson with an even more powerful gospel tune, "Go Tell Everyone."

Then the choir was back, for "In December," with Laurie

Keichinger on flute and Kim Beardy on clarinet. Mrs. Beardy again played a special accompaniment to "Hymn of Freedom." Finger snapping accompanied the bouncy "Mary Mary," while solos by Dixie Coleman and Garry Townsend highlighted the final number on the program, "Wings."

Encouraged by a standing ovation to add a final number, the choir concluded with an a capella version of "Silent Night," Deanna Easthope leaving her piano to read the Bible story of the Holy Birth.

Members of the choir are: altos Peggy Adomaitis, Donna Babcock, Gabe Bayduza, Kim Beardy, Norma Berg, Iryne Buck, Laura Helton, Velma Hudson, Pat Johnson, Cheryl Kurash, Cheryl Kyle, Karen Langejans, Debbie Lawrence, Vicki Lumley, Mary Nelson, Sarah Osinchuk, Shirley Osinchuk, Linda Peters, Lesley Rebryna, Ellen Seward, Penny Stratford, Adaline Zenko; sopranos Kerry Anderson, Rita Bartholomew,

Dixie Coleman, Kalli-Jo Coleman, Elna Eidsvik, Lillian Ewasiuk, Mabel Gottenbos, Elena Haag, Gladys Haag, Laurie Keichinger, Shirley Krekoski, Louise Kurash, Emily Lange, Elizabeth Loewen, Kelsey Mueller, Millie Orr, Ruth Pugh, Lena Stepa, Erika Spoeth; basses Dan Bubenko, Marshall Kachmar, Joep Langejans, George Sanders, Shaun Sheplaw.

Charlie Thomson; and tenors Kevin Brundage, Don Conrad, Blaine Easthope, Clem Johnson, Harry Peters, David Pilisko, Lawrence Pidluzny and Garry Townsend. Pianist is Deanna Easthope and page turner is Erin Mueller.

Checkstop coming Saturday

By Cst. S. E. Hynes
Elk Point RCMP

On Saturday, December 23, 2000 the Elk Point RCMP will be holding and Alberta Checkstop in the Elk Point area. This checkstop is aimed at deterring individuals from drinking and driving during the holiday season. This checkstop will be operated in conjunction with St. Paul Highway Patrol.

Please remember that if you drink during the holidays, make alternate travel arrangements. On behalf of the Elk Point RCMP, have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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May you enjoy a lovely season with all the trimmings.

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Merry Christmas and resounding thanks!



Canada Trust & Staff



HAVE A BLOOMING GOOD HOLIDAY!

Hope your Christmas blossoms with great happiness.
Bouquets of gratitude for helping our business flower and grow.

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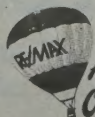
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community NEWS

A Christmas gift *(to be read out loud and shared with your family and friends)*

By Rev. Joep Langejans
Elk Point United Church

I have heard many people mutter under their breath, "Look at

what the world is coming to!" when really what should be proclaimed is, "Look at what has come to the world!" Christmas is that time of year when we celebrate the birth - the sacred birth - of the Christ child and proclaim the newness that has come into our world. We share the time with family and friends and some of us make our annual pilgrimage to the church.

We join in with the singing of the well-known Christmas carols and watch our children or grandchildren change into shepherds, angels or various other characters that make up the nativity pageant. We listen to the familiar scripture story of the birth and end with 'Silent Night.' With well wishes and 'seasons greetings' to everyone around us we say goodnight and step

outside into the winter cold - the cold and clear winter night that surrounds us with awe and a feeling of being caught in between the universe and our voice. The echoes of the Christmas carols reverberating in our ears are the only sounds that keep beat with our boots as they crunch the snow. As we look up into the night sky and stare at the star in the east, we hear the voice of God, "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all people!"

This is the gift for you! This is the promise and the new covenant that God makes with all people through the birth of a tiny child. How fortunate we are to be included on God's Christmas list and to receive this special gift - the gift of peace, hope, joy and love - just for you. And as we share this gift that we receive, not only with our families and friends, but with everyone that we come into contact with, our hearts become as one. The spirit of Christmas

has begun! I extend an invitation to everyone to join us on December 24 at 10:30 a.m. for a Christmas Communion Worship Service or at 8:30 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Come and proclaim, "Look at what has come to the world!" Blessings of the season to all of you and deep peace in your lives. May God surround you with light and may the spirit of Christmas live within you always.



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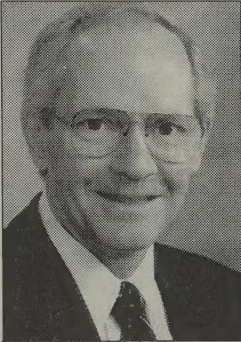
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May you and your flock be blessed with a multitude of dreams-come-true this Christmastime.

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community NEWS

Churches present the music of Christmas

Four Elk Point churches gathered together their choirs and most talented musicians Saturday night for the annual Inter-denominational Christmas Cantata, hosted by St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Joining the St. Michael's congregation for the event were those of the Ukrainian Holy Eucharist Catholic Church, Elk Point United Church and Elk Point Baptist Church.

The massed choir filled one front corner of the church, while the other corner was topped by a gleaming

gold star and a backdrop of haughty camels, setting the scene for the Nativity Play narrated by Candice Babcock. Tiny candle-bearing angels, the Holy family, bathrobe-swathed shepherds and regally attired wise men all made the trek to the lowly stable to witness the miracle of miracles, the birth of the Messiah.

Songs by the choir, including "The Holy Child," "All Poor Men and Humble," "Do You Hear What I Hear?," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Calypso Noel," "Gentle Mary

Laid Her Child" and "Child of the Manger," were interspersed by congregational hymns, instrumentals, scripture readings.

Rita Bartholomew sang a lovely solo, "Gesu Bambino," Kim Beardy on clarinet, Karen Langejans on flute and Kerry Anderson on piano played "What Child is This?" and "O Holy Night," and a Ukrainian Christmas Carol was offered by Mary Bezpalko, Paul and Olga Musiowski, Bill and Olga Seniuk and Kay Wozniak.

Scripture readings were presented by

Candice Babcock and Alyssa Beardy. Joep Langejans of Elk Point United Church sang "Emmanuel," accompanied by Karen Langejans and Kerry Anderson, and gave the benediction.

The recessional, "Silent Night," featured verses in English, Ukrainian, French and German to end the evening, reflecting some of the many cultures of those who were a part of this glorious evening of song.



THE UKRAINIAN CHOIR sings an ethnic carol..

Emergency Services come to Elk Point Elementary

Representatives of STARS Air Ambulance, Elk Point and District Ambulance, Elk Point RCMP and Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department visited Elk Point Elementary School last Wednesday, telling Grade 3 and 4 students about their parts in keeping the community safe. The session was part of the students' Health program and also gives them insight into career choices.

Teacher Wayne Hymanyk said his class saw the STARS helicopter take off one day and "asked questions I couldn't answer. So I invited them to come out and talk to the students."

Maurice Podloski of STARS said the local emergency service providers do "95% of the work. They

work very hard for you and keep your community safe." The STARS helicopters come out when there are bad accidents or people are very, very sick.

STARS, he said, flew 95 children under the age of 16 last year, many of them "because they weren't playing safe." He urged the wearing of helmets for tobogganing as well as hockey, skating and snowmobiling, and told the children not to go out in the cold by themselves for fear of hypothermia or injury.

RCMP Sgt. Lyle Marianchuk told the children what happens when the RCMP go to a highway accident. The Fire Department and ambulance are often there first, and the RCMP's role, after making sure

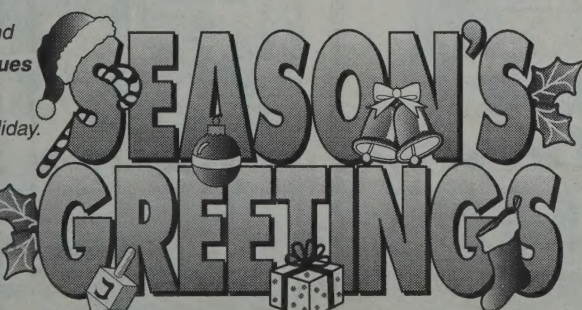
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EMERGENCY SERVICES COME TO SCHOOL - Fireman Jay Mc Neil tells the students about his equipment as Marcel Podloski of STARS, RCMP Sgt. Lyle Marianchuk and Elk Point Ambulance owner Fred Lambright listen in.

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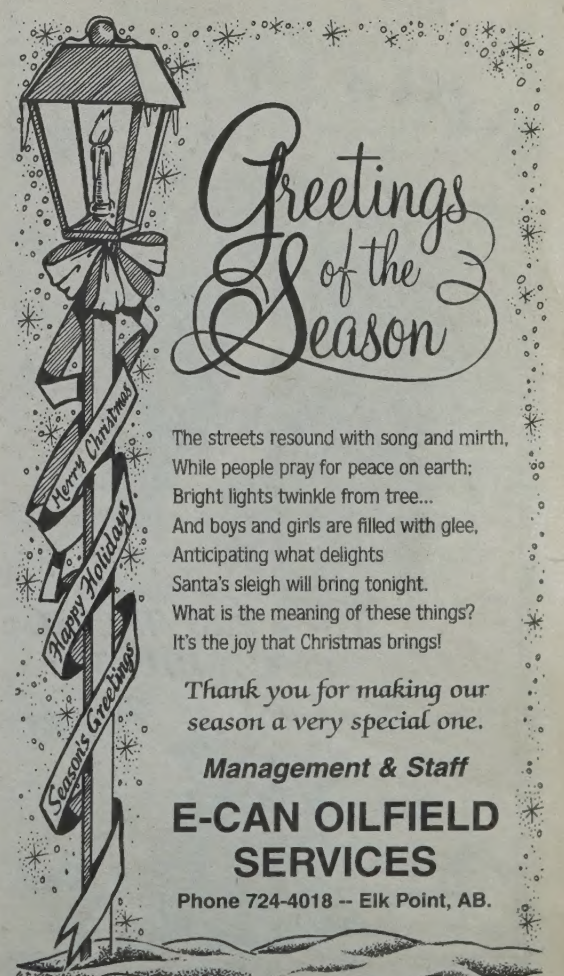
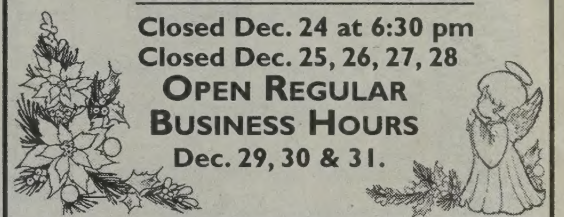
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Thank you for making our season a very special one.

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Churches celebrate the Nativity with weekend concerts

Elk Point's Baptist

and Christian Community Churches celebrated the birth of Jesus with concerts this past weekend, each special and unique in its own way.

The Christian Community Church paired Muppet-style puppets with their music team to portray the Nativity story in a fresh new fashion, with a Scandinavian cowboy singer who "Yust goes nuts at Christmas," apprentice angels learning to fly, cavorting camels (and one roguish donkey), and wonderful scenery which included the Pearly Gates, the walled city of

Jerusalem. Both adult and youth choirs took part, providing musical accompaniment for the puppet show. Solos by BJ Bailey and Alyssa Richards, and a special number by Debbie Lawrence and Norm Brown delighted the

audience.

Sunday night the festivities moved to the Elk Point Baptist Church for a thought provoking concert which covered the life of Christ from the cradle to the grave.

The tiniest Sunday

School group gave their interpretation of the Nativity story, ending up with a romping "Feliz Navidad" with angels, shepherds and even Sunday School teachers in shades bopping to the beat. A more sedate manger scene by the older students, a Christmas quiz show run by ar Red Green Show Ranger Gord look-alike, and a family

stranded in the cafe at the Ramada Inn were followed by stories of the later life of Jesus: as a young man, talking to his disciples, and later, saving the soul of a thief hung beside him on the cross at Calvary as His own life ebbed.

Both concerts were much enjoyed by appreciative crowds, who made them a special part of Christmas.

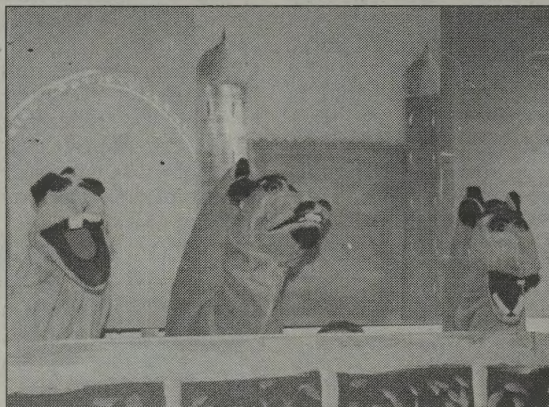
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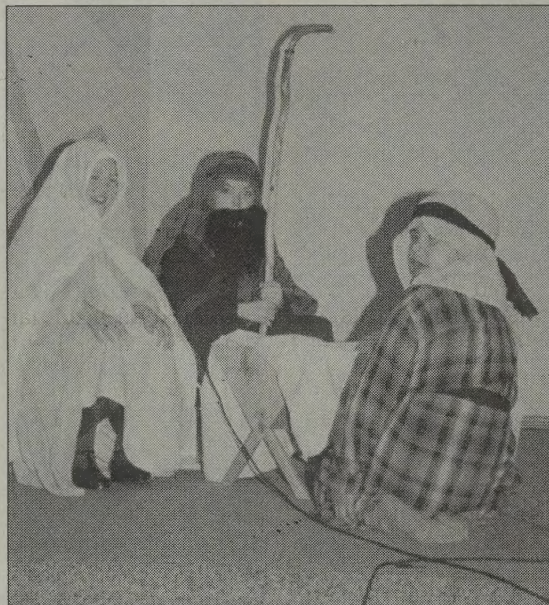
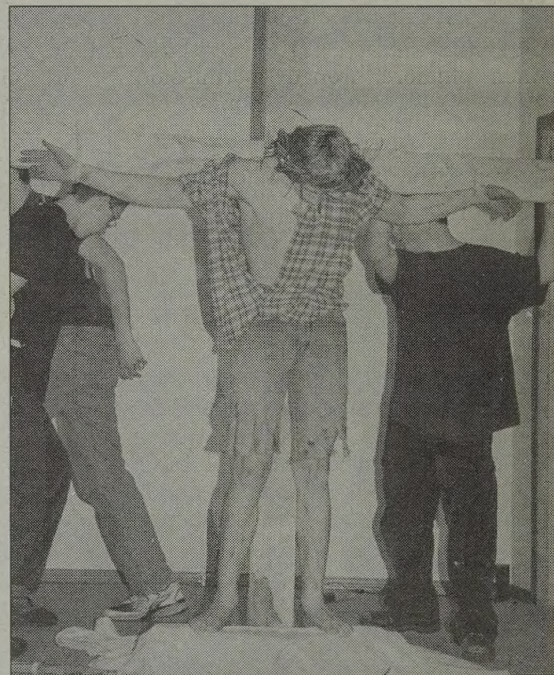
Many thanks for your kind patronage.

From Karen, Myrna & Nadia at

THE CUTTING EDGE



CAVORTING CAMELS and a special duet by Debbie Lawrence and Norm Brown were among the highlights at the Christian Community Church concert.



THE HOLY BIRTH was celebrated by the Grade 3 to 5 Sunday School students, while at right, the Grade 9 to 11 boys showed Jesus' triumph over death on the cross that fateful Friday some thirty years later.

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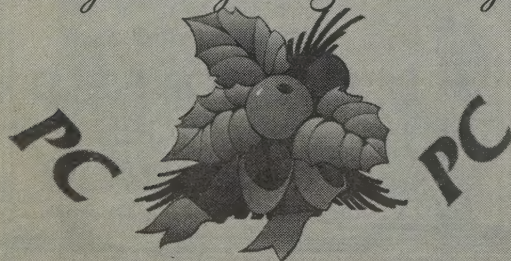
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Christmas a century ago at Ashburnam, Furnace

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her full attention as she admired the 'toys from Santa Claus' we proudly showed her.

Breakfast would be over, each bed neatly made up, and each dish washed, dried and put in the buffet, and the worn brick floor well 'brushed up', firewood in the hod, and each of us dressed in our Sunday best before those tantalizing packets were removed one by one from the tree and into our eager hands. There to be squeezed, shaken - and finally the bright ribbon untied and the paper folded back for that last peek. Ah, the anticipation, the flutterings and scarce-contained excitement churning inside us!

Annie and I wiggled into our stiffly starched petticoats, buttoning each other's back fastenings, into the dark wool frocks with the neat white lace collars, pulled on the long black cotton stockings, suspended them to our 'waists,' and buttoned up the high-topped shoes, using our buttonhook. Lastly, over all went the snowy-white linen pinafore, ironed smooth with Mother's loving care, the ruffles she'd stitched by hand perked crisply over each shoulder.

Mother's nimble fingers brushed and braided out long hair, adorning each of us with a plaid taffeta bow. Jack, in his knickers, jacket, white starched shirt and tie knotted under his chin, the knee stockings and laced boots was a sight to behold. We were all so proud of him!

Patient and caring, always sharing, always ready to give Mother a helping hand. We worshipped our brother

Jack, the quiet reader, the observing artist.

I was the rebel, the renegade, the one with knots in my hair, broken shoelaces, two thumbs on each hand, lost hair ribbons and a tendency to stamping my foot and screaming when things went awry. Sweet little Annie was the smiler, the cuddler, the tender one, while Bertie was still, to me, just 'the baby' - heavy to hold, wriggling and pinching, and good at pulling my hair. He cried noisily and endlessly. I thought, especially if I were the one minding him.

At last the time came! Seated in a row on our chairs, Mother with Bertie safely on her knee, Father slowly picked packages from the tree until we each had one.

"Now ye may open 'un," he gave permission. It seems to me now that we did precious little without his permission - or, of course, Mother's, when he wasn't near. Most of those gifts were from our many aunts, small toys, baubles or clothing, handsewn or handknitted, cuddly stuffed animals, books or china dolls. We enjoyed them, as children do - and treasured them - as not so many do today. Mother and Father had advised us well before Christmas that we were all saving for the coming journey to a new country, and that we must not expect too much on the tree. But we were happy with what we got, and gave little thought to the

coming move.

An extra excitement of that Christmas was our expectation of Grandmother Crouch coming for dinner. She lived with Uncle Alfred, her son, only a few miles away at Hastings, but such was travel in those days that we seldom saw her. She knew

well that she might not see us again once we crossed that ocean, and so came down on the stagecoach to spend this time with us. I remember I thought she was very old, with her grey-

ing hair piled in a mass under the ruffled-brimmed bonnet. She wore a high-necked navy frock, a bit of lace at the throat, long skirt sweeping the floor, and a golden locket pinned above her ample bosom. She kept peppermint rock candy in a pocket hidden in the voluminous folds of her skirt, which she doled out to us children at unexpected moments, to our vast delight. This day she seemed somehow sad, slow to smile, but even more generous with her peppermints than usual.

Mother was well into preparations for our Christmas dinner when Grandmother arrived. The joint of beef was in the oven, roasting to a deep brown perfection. The Yorkshire pudding was mixed, ready to pop into the drippings at the right moment.

Vegetables were being prepared while the plum pudding in its cloth boiled in the iron pot on the black range, rich with raisins, currants, suet and peel. How we relished that final crowning touch, the sweet spicy sauce drizzled over each delicious helping!

We sang a few Christmas carols while we waited, Annie and I repeating on request the duet we'd sung in church in the Christmas Eve program of the night before, to Grandmother's nodded approval.

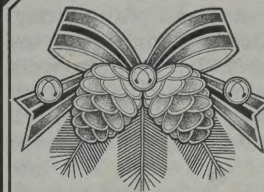
There were tears at parting before Father walked Grandmother to the corner to wait for the return stagecoach to Hastings.

The tiny village of Ashburnam lay quiet in the cleft between the rolling fields of Sussex, lights now starting to blink on, with smoke towering in long spindles above the chimneys of each cottage. A few people could be seen walking on the roadway. The estate of the Widow Hayward, where Father was employed as head gardener, with his helpers, and on which our cottage stood, extended far back to the heavily wooded uplands, and down to the village edge. Flocks of sheep grazed in the back acres, and cattle, and the heavy plow horses, resting now for the spring planting time.

Mother lighted the lamp and we gathered round her as she sat in the high-backed rocker

to soothe the baby in her arms. She told us stories of her young days, Bible stories and fairy stories and sang soft songs for us, while Father quietly smoked

his pipe and watched the dancing flames in the fireplace, the house cat curled purring on the hearth. The year of 1898 was drawing to its close.



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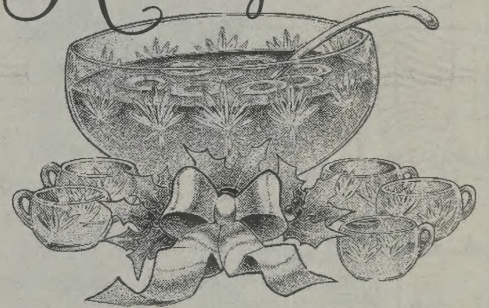
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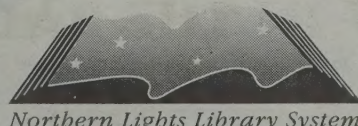


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review **SPORTS**

Cold and Christmas festivities cause cancellations

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

I suppose you could blame the cold weather (-35°C on Saturday morning is a little harsh), or the threat of blowing snow and high winds that was forecast but didn't amount to much, or maybe it was just because a lot of the parents were attending Christmas parties Friday night and didn't feel like getting up too early on Saturday morning, but there seemed to be an awful lot of games canceled this past weekend. The Pee wee Avalanche and Atom Avalanche canceled all their games and even the Micro Novice Tornadoses with coach "Iron Mike" Rainey giving his crew the weekend off. Now, I can see that one, getting up to travel to Mannville for a 9 a.m. game, with

kids as young as four and five, that would be hard to take. Yes, it's cold, but don't forget this is Alberta, and it is December. Now this is what I call tough: I remember when we used to shovel off the pond and play all day, that's tough. And my dad, he used to walk ten miles through three feet of snow to school, too, so there! But some of our teams did bite the bullet and played, even if it was a bit bitter outside.

The tough little Novice Hurricanes were on the road by 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning off to Mannville for a 10:30 start and winning 6 to 1. Two each for Brendan Bishop and Ryan Marceniuk, singles for Mike Marianchuk and Kameron Ballas. Then on Sunday right after church, the Hurricanes

hosted Bonnyville with another big win and some beautiful rock and roll music for coach Gary Marceniuk. Hat tricks for "Bronco Billy" Hudy and the speed demon Kameron Ballas, two for Ryan Marceniuk and another guy with some pretty hot wheels, Mike Marianchuk, singles for "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas and Dylan Loughran. Taking two for the team off the old melon, goalie Jordyn Wozniak. Jordy is playing up one level, but he has no problem fitting into this team. And you know, the Bonnyville team was no slouches either, they had only lost once this season.

The Bantam Colts smoked St. Paul on Saturday in Dewberry 7 to 1. Scoring for the Colds, Jesse Kozicky and Jason Kalynchuk

with two each, Chance Bensmiller, Cody Burns and Jason Lukkan with one each. Kurt "the Wall" Kozicky slamming the door on St. Paul. Then on Sunday the Colts were off to Lloydminster, picking up two more points, winning 8 to 5. Team captain Cody Burns burnt them with the hat trick, Jason Kalynchuk with two more giving him four big ones for the weekend.



Jason Lukkan, Shannon Brodwin and Kelly Calliou also all scoring. Leyen Snider with the goalie duties was solid between the pipes.

The Midget Girls Storm had hoped to host a tournament this weekend but being so close to Christmas, only one team from Sherwood Park was able to attend, so they played a double header

instead. Sherwood Park scored only one goal in the first period, but in the second they blitzed, taking a big lead, then the Storm actually won the third period, Natalie Peters scoring and Kristyn Ballas assisting, and Ashley Hebblethwaite scoring the second goal for the Storm. And roughing it up at the end of the game, Jennifer "Domi" Kalynchuk getting tossed for the second game. Except for the second period, the Storm played really well.

With chili, salad and Christmas snacks between games, the Storm's batteries were charged up, coming out strong, rookie goalie Kristen Campbell getting the call for the second game, and looking brilliant for two periods with a shutout going for almost 38 minutes, the Storm winning at this point by one on a goal by Eryl Anton Roberts, when Sherwood Park scored on the power play to

make it one-all after 40 minutes. Kristen has really improved her game since graduating to the Midgets and working with the veteran goalie Joanne "JoJo" Demoissac. Right off the opening faceoff in the start of the third period, Sherwood Park put the pressure on scoring and never looked back, winning the game easily. Once again, for 40 minutes the Storm played great, but unless someone changes the rules, it still takes a full 60 minutes to win a hockey game.

Lashburn is without a doubt, the coldest barn in the whole league, the Midget Thunder traveled there on Saturday night with a short bench, losing a good close game 5 to 3.

You can never have too many players for a midget team, especially as the season wears on, the Midget Thunder suffering from injuries and suspensions could only dress nine skaters for Sunday's game in the Thunder Dome. Goalie Jon Cusack played super, but I don't think even Cujo could have stopped them all in this game, the Thunder losing two more players with injuries and it wasn't too long before the floodgates opened, the Thunder losing once more. Chad Tupper, Shaun Slywka and Brandon Elliot all scored singles for the Thunder.

The Thunder now have a long and badly needed break, from now until after New Year's to recoup, Thunder's coach Shane St. Arnault is hoping that good old St. Nick will bring him some healthy hockey players.



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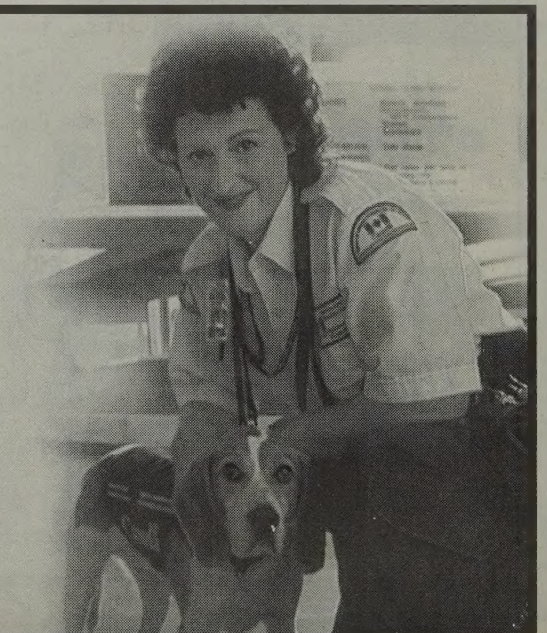
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community NEWS

End of school dances for this year a major disappointment

By Brian Poitras
F. G. Miller Student Journalist

I hope that when all you people read my articles you get some information or get a memory of when you were in school. I also hope you get the occasional laugh when I make fun of different things or people. It's never meant to be personal or to hurt someone's feelings, so if anything I have said or will say offends you, I am sorry. JUST JOKES! This week is going to be a little different, though. I'm going to try to write a serious article for once.

I am sure by now, the majority of you have heard about the dance we had here at the school a couple of weeks ago and the major disappointment we had. Students in both junior and senior high school were intoxicated. And

I'm not talking about having one drink, I'm talking about floored. I came into the dance at around 10:15 and the first thing I looked at coming in were a few people in grade seven being escorted out calmly.

Now I'm not one to tell you not to have a drink if you want one, but that's a little young to start coming to the dances drunk with your friends. Throughout the night a few more people were escorted out, a couple by the RCMP or angry parents. Because of this, Mr. Hawkins and rest of the staff decided that there would be no more dances at the school for the remainder of the year. I have to say that this disappoints me a little bit. I mean, after 11:00 there were no problems that I saw, and talking to supervisors, they said that

there were no problems either.

The first person that I went to talk to would have to be Mr. Hawkins to get a little information. I asked why the same things that happened in years past couldn't happen this year. That, very simply, was if you were kicked out of a dance you wouldn't be able to come to any more dances for the remainder of that year. Mr. Hawkins told me that he made it very clear what the consequences would be if anyone was drinking at the dance. And he did, over the intercom for a few days consecutively. I also quoted him as saying, "It wasn't just the people who got kicked out but the people who were drinking and didn't get caught."

That brought up another interesting point, the people who

didn't get caught. If you don't get caught you are still guilty of the crime. I'm not sure, but the majority of the staff here at the school thinks you are. So to answer a few more questions and possibly solve the problem of the people who didn't get caught, I made a phone call to RCMP Sergeant Marianchuk. He first told me the fines for public intoxication or consuming alcohol in a public place, they were both \$115. I don't know a whole bunch of teenagers who can afford that, or their parents who want to pay that for them. The reason I was wondering that was because I talked to some of the people who got kicked and they told me they were drinking down at the Extravaganza. Something fairly common at Extravaganza time? Maybe now it

won't be, knowing what the fine can be.

I then asked him how much a breathalyzer would cost because we know that other schools around use them when kids come into their dances. He said that the roadside type breathalyzers would cost upwards of \$2000 and you need someone trained in how to use them, but they really shouldn't be necessary at a dance. Sgt. Marianchuk told me that good chaperones at the door should be able to tell if anyone has been drinking by watching them come in and smelling their breath. If there is even the hint of alcohol, they should be kicked out. Some of the supervisors said it is hard to tell, though. You can either smell the alcohol or a pack of gum and mouthwash. "There is no way gum or mints can match the smell of

alcohol," Sgt. Marianchuk told me. He said if the call is hard to make, the person should be put into the office and two or three supervisors should make a decision together so it isn't just one person making the tough call.

Anyway, I am disappointed there are no more dances for the rest of the year. The majority of the time, they are a really good time, and they are the main fundraiser for the sports teams, grad and Students Union here at the school. I don't think seven or eight people should be able to ruin it for an entire school. As far as Mr. Hawkins' point about the people who didn't get caught, well, they didn't get caught. I think it is really hard to make that call without any proof. Until next week....

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As promised, we will not undertake any activities for the rest of December because of the extraordinary stresses on the health care system during the holidays – especially the shortage of nurses and other staff.

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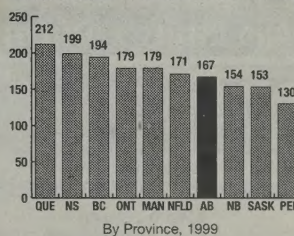


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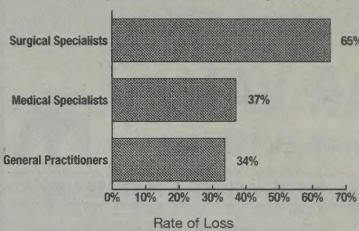
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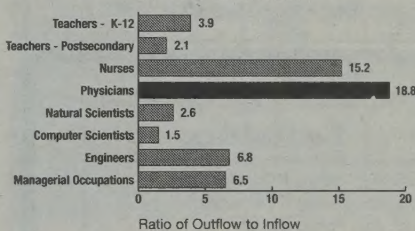
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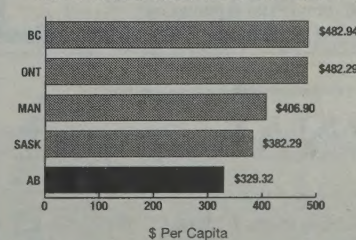
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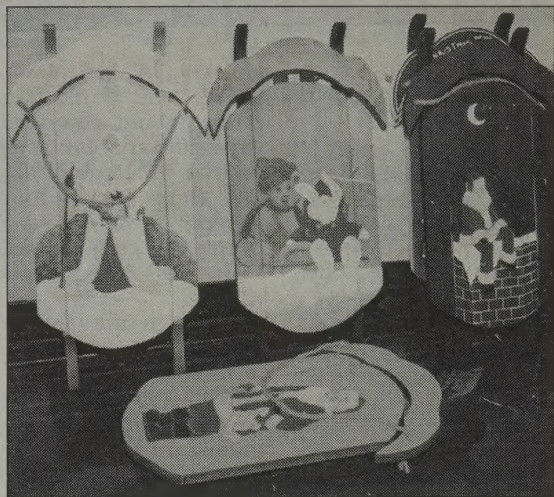
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Albertans have choices in winter energy use

Getting the car tuned up, finding the shovels and bringing out the winter jackets are just part of a yearly ritual Albertans go through to prepare for winter.

But this year, you are also going to have to think about your energy use throughout the cold winter months. With increased market prices for electricity and natural gas, Albertans are gearing up for a winter with low temperatures and potentially high energy bills.

As an energy

provider, ATCO offers solutions that will keep consumers' quality of life up and costs down. By providing some useful tips on energy management, the company can help Albertans take the bite out of their energy bills this winter.

"We know this is a difficult time and we share our customers' concerns about rate increases because we are not only employees, we are consumers, too," said Dick Frey, Managing Director of the Utilities Group. "We're all affected by increased energy costs

and we want customers to know that we are working with them to keep their monthly costs down."

ATCO launched a series of energy conservation tips and suggestions inserted in their monthly bills, on their Web sites and in local newspapers. The purpose of the campaign is two-fold — to increase understanding about how the rate changes will affect customers and also to empower them to become energy-wise consumers.

The message is simple: you don't have to sacrifice the comforts

and benefits of energy because rates are changing.

"There are many easy ways to make the energy you use go further," Frey explains. "Simply by turning your heat down, switching off lights and unplugging unused appliances, you can make a big difference in your monthly energy use."

By making wise choices, you not only enjoy the comforts of an energy-efficient home, you also keep more money where it belongs: in your wallet.

Tips to lower your energy bill

■ For every 1°C you consistently set back your thermostat during the entire winter period, you could save \$8 annually!

■ Use an outdoor timer to turn your block heater on three to four hours before you need your vehicle and save 50% or more on vehicle plug-in costs.

■ If you need your vehicle ready to go at all times, install a power saver cord to cycle the power to your block heater only when needed and save up to 60% of vehicle plug-in costs.

■ Upgrading your furnace to a high-efficiency model could save you well over \$200 in space heating charges this year.

■ If you reduce the temperature control on your hot water heater from 54° to 49°C, you could save up to \$44 annually.

■ By effectively draft proofing your home, you could save up to \$120 this heating season.

■ Dirty furnace filters can cause an additional 10 to 30% of energy use. Check your furnace filter once a month and change or clean it when it is dirty. Dirty filters reduce air flow, forcing your system to work harder and less efficiently.

Christmas comes but once a year

By Irene Magnusson
Review Contributor

Christmas comes but once a year
Of that we should be glad-
If it came three or more times
I'm sure 'twould drive us mad.

We talk about our "shopping"
From fall to December's end -
And some of us will get it done
But! the time and dough we spend!

And then there is the baking
All those pies and cakes and stuff -
If we did all we planned to
We'd all be tired enough.

Of course we must remember
Those old friends so far away -

And loved ones - with a letter -
And bright cards our words to say.

Then wrapping up and mailing
Those parcels large and small -
And the lists we never find again!
How can we do it all?

On Christmas Eve - so very late
We look around the house -
The tree is up, the lights aglow
Kids quiet as that mouse.

Tomorrow happy faces shine
While the turkey is slow roasting -
With laughter everywhere, and smiles -
Our good fortune we'll be toasting.

With family 'round, it's all worthwhile -
And we may shed a secret tear -

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COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

"Mother to Mother" Breastfeeding Support Group - meets 4th Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call 724-3332 for more info. Expectant mothers and older siblings welcome.

Elk Point Parent Nursery - Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point United Church Hall. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Jackie Ludlage, 724-3066 or Sue Cleland, 724-4315.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., FCSS Office, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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From the Opposition: Public education an investment in the future

By Vital Ouellette
Lac La Biche/St. Paul Liberal
Candidate

Public education is one of the most important programs that we have in Alberta, providing for the development of our children and our communities. Our goal

must be to educate all our children to the highest degree possible. In order to achieve such a goal, our public education system must be accessible to all children at no cost. The system must be delivered by democratically elected local school

boards. The funding of public education must be guaranteed and there should be no need for fund-raising or school fees. I support and agree with the recommendations and initiatives as outlined by representatives of trustees, super-

intendents, teachers and school business officials. The initiatives, which are contained in a document entitled "A Vision and Agenda for Public Education," are the following:
■ Class sizes small enough to allow teachers to meet the diverse

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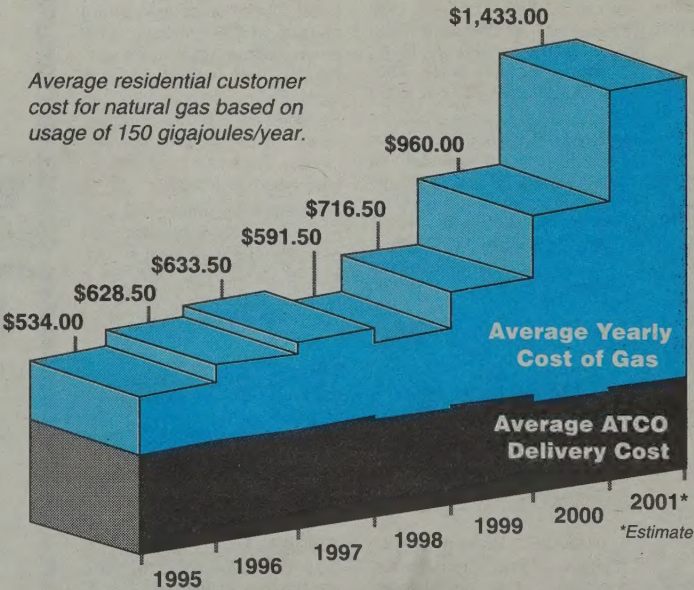
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